

## **REMARKS**

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for reviewing the present application.

### **Claim Objections and Amendments to the Claims**

The Examiner noted two typographical mistakes in claim 1 and requested that appropriate correction be made to these and all other similar mistakes. The Applicant has reviewed the claims currently on file and made amendments to claims 1, 9 and 11 to correct these and other typographical mistakes. In particular, “g<sup>(y)</sup>” in step iii) of claim 1 has been replaced with “g(y)” and “for” in line 4 of step iv), claim 1 has been replaced with “from”.

### **Claim Rejection under 35 USC 112 and Claim Amendment**

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 USC 112 for including a term “said second” in step vi) that has insufficient antecedent basis. Claim 1 has been amended to replace “said second of said correspondents B” with “said second correspondent B” to correct the defect.

### **Amendments to the Specification**

The specification has been amended to correct a typographical mistake in the serial number of the priority application, namely, to replace “98/426,090” with “08/426,090”, and to make some stylistic changes. The specification has also been amended to correct typographical mistakes similar to that in claim 1.

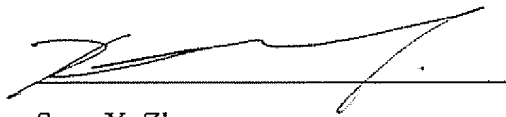
### **Double Patenting Rejections**

The Examiner rejected claims 1 to 18 under a judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 to 16 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,487,661, commonly owned by the Applicant. In response, a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is filed to traverse the Examiner’s double patenting rejections.

### **Conclusion**

No new subject matter is introduced by the amendments provided herein. The Applicant respectfully requests the entry of these amendments. In view of the foregoing, the Applicant submits that the Application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant requests early reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

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